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2. [REDACTED] - GLC) Talked with [REDACTED] concerning a letter from Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) asking for information on the Communist propaganda effort in [REDACTED]. It was the consensus of opinion of these individuals that the bulk of the information Dodd requested was contained in USIA unclassified publications. I talked with Robert Walsh, in the Legislative Liaison Office of USIA, and he is forwarding for our use copies of pertinent USIA documents.

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3. [REDACTED] - GLC) At her request, I dropped by the office of Representative Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. (D., Mass.) to talk with his secretary, Mrs. Smith. She said that [REDACTED] an Agency employee had visited her and asked for the Congressman's assistance in obtaining a position with NASA. Mrs. Smith said [REDACTED] told her that there was no possibility for advancement in the Agency and, therefore, he was anxious to make a move. Mrs. Smith wishes to know what she can say to NASA or other prospective employers concerning [REDACTED]'s Agency duties.

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4. [REDACTED] - JGO) In response to a letter of 21 February from Representative Kenneth J. Gray (D., Ill.) requesting the address of [REDACTED] an Agency employee, advised Representative Gray's office, in his absence, that [REDACTED] has an address in Washington - [REDACTED]. The query apparently originated from a friend of [REDACTED] who had received a letter which indicated that a package had been forwarded from overseas which had never been received and subsequent communications which had been returned to the addressee. Personnel and FE Division indicated no current security or cover restrictions to release of the address. No formal response in writing is desired by Representative Gray.

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25X1 5. [] - JGO) In response to a request from
Colonel Roger Carter, Legislative Affairs, DOD, for an Agency
estimate of hard currency assets held by Cuba at the current
25X1 [] time and at the end of 1961, advised him, after checking with
[] ORR, that no estimate is available as to the assets
held at the end of 1961 or the current holdings.

The last figure available to Colonel Carter was \$144,000,000
gross exchange holdings as of 31 December 1960. He was advised
that the International Monetary Fund reporting on the Bank of Cuba
indicated \$133,000,000 gross exchange holdings as of 31 January
1961. The information available on Cuban foreign trade during
1961 would indicate no change in the gross exchange holdings
would have occurred from that activity alone but that during 1960,
a year in which Cuban holdings dropped by \$107,000,000, a favorable
foreign trade balance was also indicated for Cuba. If the unknown
factors are still at work which caused the previous drop in foreign
exchange holdings, however, the present balance could well be zero
or close to zero. Our position at the moment is that the figure for
the 1961 and current gross exchange holdings is unknown.

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